

## GARDEN CULTIVATION

Local Committee Gives a Word of Advice to Amateur Gardeners Concerning the Work.

The committee in charge of the cultivation of the city gardens is very much afraid that the young gardeners of the city are becoming discouraged on account of the continued cold weather, and they wish to say that the recent cold spell will not necessarily result in permanent injury to their gardens. If, after a few days of warm weather, the seeds which have been planted do not come up, it would be well to dig in the ground very carefully and see if the seeds have sprouted, and if they have not done so, see if they have rotted. In the event it is found they have rotted, it is a very easy matter to open up the row and sow the seed over again, as was done in the first instance. There is still plenty of time for all vegetables to be raised from the seed, with the exception, of course, of tomatoes and cabbage, which, no doubt, everyone knows should be raised from plants, which can be procured from various places in the city.

The committee has thought it well to publish an extract from the United States Farmers' Bulletin No. 818, in regard to the cultivation of gardens, which covers the question very thoroughly and should be studied carefully by everyone who wishes to make a success of their garden:

### Cultivation.

The importance of cultivation has been referred to in the discussion of the preparation of the seed bed. It is, however, after the seeds have sprouted or after the plants have been set in their permanent locations that cultivation becomes of major importance. The gardener should never permit the surface of the soil to become baked or even to form an appreciable crust. Constant stirring with hand tools or a wheel cultivator should be practiced between the rows and about the plants. Such a stirring permits the air to penetrate the soil, where it facilitates chemical action and bacterial activity, destroys weeds which otherwise would utilize large amounts of plant food, and, finally, conserves the moisture supply. The rake is perhaps the gardener's most valuable tool in cultivating. This can be passed backward and forward over the ground until it is in an open, mellow condition. Where vegetables grow closely in the rows it often will be necessary to supplement the cultivation by hand weeding. Small implements are made for this purpose, and may be purchased cheaply. It is well also in some cases to pull up weeds by hand, especially where they grow closely about the stalks of the garden plants.

### Stirring the Soil After Rains.

Just as the gardeners should be careful in early spring not to dig the ground when the soil is too moist, so he should be careful later in the season not to cultivate too soon after rains. The stirring of very muddy soil "puddles" it into a compact, cement-like mass in which the plant food is securely locked. The garden will require attention, however, as soon as the excess moisture from a rain has soaked in or partially evaporated. Unless the ground is stirred at this time a crust will form almost inevitably. Such a crust, besides restricting the plants, prevents the access of air, and also facilitates the loss of moisture through evaporation.

### A Laugh Assured.

A healthy diversion is essential in these days of depressing uncertainties. A laugh will do more to remedy all your troubles than anything else. Just try and see what it will do for you by going to the Opera House tonight.

Mr. W. B. Peckham is the director of "The Washington Players," who will keep you well entertained for an hour anyway. All Alexandrians who have seen him in the Washington performances are enthusiastic. The tickets, which are on sale at Warfield's and Gibson's, should go like hot cakes. This will be the first appearance of these players in Alexandria.

W. M. Priest will have for sale another barrel of small smoked hams at 25 cents a pound, on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 300 North Patrick street. 1111-4t.

Maryland spring chickens at Rammel's cafe.

Fish, Clams, Oysters, Crabs, at Phone 307J. J. BRILL No. 2 King St.

## SUBMARINE CHASERS

Work Started on Contract to Build Twenty Government Boats in Alexandria.

The Gazette announced in its columns a short time ago that a government contract had been secured for the building of twenty boats, known as submarine chasers, and that they would be built at Dean's Shipyard in this city. Today a deed was admitted to record in the clerk's office of the corporation Court, from Charles A. Dean to Tucker K. Sands of Washington, D. C., conveying all the property at Montgomery and Lee streets, together with all the machinery, appliances and rights used in the business known as Dean's Shipyards.

The new owners are already busy making extensive changes at the Shipyards. A large gang of laborers are engaged in leveling down the land so that the necessary room may be obtained on which to lay the keels of the twenty submarine chasers. Some eight or ten teams and thirty or more men were working there yesterday afternoon.

It is stated that the name of the new company will be The General Shipbuilding and Aeroplane Company, and that at present the general offices of the company are located in the city of Washington.

Will Employ from Two to Three Hundred Men.

The company have secured the twenty contracts for the boats as first stated. It is said that each boat will be 110 feet in length, with 15 1-2 feet beam, and will have three engines of 250 horse-power each.

The necessary materials for the building of the boats has already been ordered and is on the way to Alexandria, it is stated, and when the work is fully under way from two to three hundred men will be employed.

### NO SEPARATE PEACE

Even Should Germany Withdraw U-Boats, U. S. Would Not Act Without Consent of Allies.

The United States will not conclude a separate peace with Germany. Even should the Berlin government offer terms acceptable to this country, there will be no action unless taken jointly with the European allies. This definition of American policy was given at the State Department yesterday afternoon as a result of widespread reports during the last few days that Germany contemplated a proposition to this country. Cable dispatches from Europe yesterday afternoon further indicated that the imperial government was about to make another statement of terms.

The State Department made flat denial of reports that proposals from Berlin had already reached this government. Secretary of State Lansing declared that nothing whatever had been heard through any channel or from any source.

Whereas in February this government would have accepted a discontinuance of submarine warfare by Germany as a sufficient concession to avoid a break in relations, it was declared yesterday that even should Germany withdraw every U-boat she has from the ocean, it would not lead this nation to listen to her peace proposals now.

The question is graver and deeper, and the department would not make known the terms it has in mind as to what peace must be when it comes. It is known, however, that the aims and purposes of the administration are drafted on the lines laid down by President Wilson in his war address to Congress. The extension of democratic government and guarantees under which smaller nations shall be safe form the keystone of this position.

This does not mean, however, that the administration contemplates making this nation a signatory to the joint agreement binding for allies to a peace for all or peace for none policy.

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mr. Louis B. Poss left this morning for the naval training station at Newport, Rhode Island.

It is said that Alexandria has sent more recruits to the navy than any other city its size in the state.

Mr. Carl Bohraus who has been confined to his home for the past several weeks is able to be out again.

The Rosemont unit of the Alexandria Red Cross Branch has a membership of forty-four who are working splendidly in the interest of the Red Cross needs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Delaney and Miss Virginia Delaney, of Oldham, Westmoreland county, are the guests of Mrs. Thomas Ballenger, at her home in south St. Asaph street.

Thomas E. Dyson, of this city, has been re-elected state treasurer of the state convention, Knights of Columbus, and P. M. Bradshaw, chosen trustee of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage by the grand lodge of Odd Fellows.

The local Red Cross Branch met this morning in their rooms over Burke and Herbert's Bank, with about 25 members present and a number of donations were gratefully received. The members accomplished considerable work in the three hour's time today.

A Pie Social was held yesterday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ross, 211 N. Patrick street, for the benefit of the G. I. A. The Ladies of the Aid, as well as their host of friends present, spent a very enjoyable evening. The house was artistically decorated in red, white and blue.

Captain and Mrs. Herbert Young, and Captain McCrae leave today for Philadelphia to attend the Salvation Army Congress to be held in that city, and will not return until Wednesday of next week. The services in the Salvation Army Hall will be the same as usual for the weekend, and will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Kitson, of Baltimore.

A "First Aid Class" was organized Wednesday evening among the ladies of Rosemont, and started off with the full class of twenty-five members, under the direction of Dr. Llewellyn Powell. The meetings will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings at the home of Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, in Rosemont avenue.

### TO STOP BAD EGG TRAFFIC

Shippers Cited Before Federal Food and Drug Officials for Shipping.

Washington, May 11.—A number of egg shippers in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas have been cited to appear before the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to show cause why they are not guilty of violating the food and drug act by shipping cases of eggs containing large numbers of rots and spots. The food and drug act prohibits the interstate shipment of bad eggs, which are held to be adulterated food.

The department also is notifying egg shippers in this territory to candle all eggs before shipment.

### "Food, Feed and Fertility."

The plain truth is that the Southern farmer must, because of the ever rising prices, in large measure go without the foodstuffs he does not raise, says the Progressive Farmer. Corn is locally quoted now at \$1.60 a bushel and oats at 90 cents, and \$2 corn, \$1.25 oats and \$40 hay within six months need not surprise anyone. Wheat has passed \$2 a bushel and may go to \$3; hogs are \$15 a hundred on foot, and may go to \$20 or even \$25. People who have to buy their foodstuffs are already suffering, and the situation will get worse before it gets better. "Food, Feed and Fertility First" should be the watchword. Have you made it yours?

### Spring Dale Farm.

Home-Made Ice Cream  
Delicious home-made strawberry ice-cream, delivered every day beginning Sunday, May 13th. Also frozen custard for Sunday. Telephone your order now to E. J. Mueller, 825 Duke St. Phone 331-J. Brawner and Bro., King and Washington streets, Phone 98; or to Spring Dale Farm, Fairfax County, Phone 490. 1-113-2t.

Mrs. Silas Cooper, of Culpeper, attended the meeting of the Piedmont Convocation in this city, Wednesday.

Stuart Draper, aged 11, was this morning sent to the reformatory at Laurel, Va., by Police Justice Caton.

The First Aid Class of the Girl's Club, under the direction of Dr. Geo. T. Klipstein, will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall.

Fines amounting to \$17 were imposed upon three offenders brought in in police court this morning. They were James Lucas, John McCork and George Chapman, the latter a colored man, all charged with having been drunk and disorderly.

Alexandria High School this morning sent the following team to Charlottesville to represent it at the athletic meeting to be held there today and tomorrow at the University of Virginia: Carl Dreifus, Wesley Bitzer, Robert Hancock, Norman Simpson, Francis Summers, Thurston DeMasters, Harry Meeks, Aubrey Lynch, Thomas Rowen, Elwin Brawner and Paul Howard.

General E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, will deliver an address in the interest of the Virginia Council of National Defense, in the opera house in Alexandria on Wednesday evening of next week at 8 o'clock. General Nichols is said to be an eloquent speaker, is the author of several books, and eminently qualified to speak upon the subject which he will discuss. There will also be other speakers who will address the meeting.

Twenty-eight members of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, gathered in annual session for their fifty-first council at Mount Vernon yesterday. At the morning session in addition to routine business, Miss Harriet C. Comery, of Delaware, regent, delivered her annual address, in which she reviewed the work of the association. She called attention to a gift of a clock owned by Lawrence Washington, the builder of Mount Vernon. The clock is said to have stood on the staircase at Mount Vernon during the life of George Washington. The customary ceremony of placing a wreath on the tomb of George Washington was observed.

### SPEAKS ON FISH AS FOOD.

Miss MacDonald Tells Housewives They Can Feed Their Families at Less Cost.

To be delayed by a wreck and appear direct from the late train to a waiting audience, and then to charm that audience by a delightful exposition of fish as food is not an easy task, and yet it was accomplished yesterday afternoon at Equal Suffrage Headquarters in Richmond by Miss Rose MacDonald of the Bureau of Fisheries, and with such ease that one might think that wrecks and the like were part of the day's work.

Miss MacDonald is a resident of Alexandria. She began her remarks with a quotation from one of President Wilson's speeches: "We are here to serve," and she pointed out that the women of Virginia, particularly the housewives, are urged in this national crisis to uphold the President's hands by the practice of thrift and economy in their selection of food.

"Cheap foods are not necessarily economical," said Miss MacDonald, "for the element of nutrition must not be sacrificed, and hardworking men and women must receive the amount of nourishment in order to perform their daily form of service, but you will find that many fish contain as many calories as meat, and can be made as palatable. We must not indulge our epicurean tastes—this generation must create a new social inheritance in the food line for the generations to follow." And fish canned, smoked or dried, which is recommended by the Bureau of Fisheries, Miss MacDonald stated, would be found safe and satisfactory to purchase.

OUR COST SYSTEM makes no unfair charges. Our prices are for "printing of the highest class" Commercial Press. H. W. Wade.

J. T. Preston, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, went to La Plata, Md., this morning.

John Lawrence Kelly was granted a limited divorce from Mamie Owen Kelly, in the Circuit Court today.

Mrs. Lorin T. Walters and two children left today to visit relatives in Burkettown, Virginia.

Mr. James Johnston who has spent the winter in Charlottesville, is the guest of relatives in Alexandria.

Springdale Farm will begin the manufacture of ice cream this week. The latest up-to-date apparatus has been secured for the purpose.

Miss Rose MacDonald of this city, custodian of the library of the bureau of fisheries, Washington, delivered an address yesterday afternoon in Richmond before the equal suffrage league on "How to Meet the Catering Difficulties of the Table."

The name of H. T. White, secretary of the colored citizens' association, was unintentionally omitted from the list of names published in these columns day before yesterday concerning the work which the association has been engaged in the interest of the colored wards of the new hospital building.

James S. Douglas, jr., James Roberts, A. L. Uhler, Charles J. Deahl, Jr., C. Keith Carlin, Aylett B. Nicol, French Simpson, Henry Nolley and Eugene Lindsey have received orders to report for duty at the Fort Myer officers' reserve training camp on Monday next. Some fifteen or more men received notifications yesterday but is not known how many were accepted.

In the voting contest in the public schools yesterday for the selection of a boy and girl to represent Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia in the May day pageant to be given one week from today, Richard Wright was the leading candidate among the boys. He received 163 ballots. Norman Lawler came next with 67, Marshall Travers, 37, Jack Howard, 26 and Bernard Yates last with 24. Rose Murphy led in the girls' race with 220 votes. Susie Sims followed with 171, Dorothy Steele, 154, Eunice Ayers, 81, Beulah Sullivan, 67, and Ruth Bragg, 29. The voting will continue this afternoon and all day tomorrow at which time the contest closes.

### MUNITION MEN REVOLT.

Big Petrograd District Announces Intention to Form Separate Republic Provisional President Arrested.

Petrograd, May 11.—The Schisselberg munitions district revolted today. Workmen and citizens of the district announced their intention of organizing a separate republic.

Representatives of the workmen's and soldiers' committee left here at once to dissuade the revolvers from their announced purpose. The Provisional President of the munitions district was arrested by the rebels.

Just how serious the revolt is was not made clear in dispatches received here. Apparently, however, there was no violence.

### Warns Against Peace Moves.

Petrograd, May 11.—"Only complete defeat of Germany will assure the world's happiness. Peace now would only be an armistice. Russia cannot betray the allies with whom she has been fighting for three years."

In these words today, President Rodzianko, of the Duma, forcefully pleaded with the Russian governing body for unwavering continuance of Russia's part in the war and warned against insidious peace moves inspired by Germany.

"The war must be successfully terminated in a manner preserving the country's integrity and national honor," he asserted. "Victory must be decisive."

### 13 AUSTRIAN 'SUBS' SUNK.

Heavy Toll of U-Boats Taken in Mediterranean.

Thirteen Austrian submarines have been sunk in the Mediterranean in the last three weeks by Italian naval forces, it was learned here officially today.

## MEN OF 21 TO 30 SLATED

Will be Obligated to Register Within Next Three Weeks for Service. is Present Outlook.

Every man in the country between the ages of 21 and 31 will be obliged to enroll for military service within the next three weeks. This was indicated at the War Department yesterday, following agreement by the House and Senate conferees on the selective conscription bill.

The machinery was ready to start grinding on the draft army of 500,000 which will be brought to the colors by the new law. Final detailed arrangements had been completed to start the gears whirling the moment President Wilson signs the bill and says the word.

It was announced yesterday that the date for registration had not yet been determined upon, but that President Wilson was expected to set it within a week or ten days of the signing of the bill. The President himself will select the date for the first registration. He will make it public in an executive proclamation calling upon the men between the ages mentioned to submit themselves for enrollment and examination at certain places already chosen by the War Department.

The election machinery of the government has been called into service for the registration. Registration booths will be established in each village, town, hamlet and city election districts. Officers of the War Department will be in general charge and will pass on the exemptions which will be allowed.

It was made plain yesterday that there will be no effort by the War Department to limit the first 500,000 selective conscripts to the younger of the registered men. The law is construed by the department experts to prohibit this specifically. In other words, the 500,000 will include not alone men of 21 and 22, but also those of 29 and 30. As a man reaches his thirty-first birthday he will automatically be released from the necessity of registration.

Under the law proposed, the War Department believes it could bring forth into the service between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 men. The first draft, however, calls for only 500,000, so the exemptions will far out number the selections.

Strict penalties are being provided for failure to register, and the department is in possession of a complete plan for checking up on all men between the service ages in the country so that none can escape. The possible allotment of men from Alexandria will be 68.

### QUARTER MILLION TREES PLANTED

Will be Sold to Land Owners at Cost When Proper Size.

Charlottesville, May 11.—A tree nursery has been started at the University of Virginia by Prof. R. C. Jones, state forester, and a quarter million trees have been planted. They will be sold to land owners at cost when they are one, two, and three years old for ornamental, shade, or forest planting.

Following are the varieties and pounds of seed planted: Loblolly pine, known in Tidewater Virginia as long-leaf pine, 15 pounds; short leaf pine, common in Piedmont Virginia, 2 pounds; white pine, 4 pounds; Norway spruce, 1 pound; and cypress, 1-2 pound.

The seed is planted in 40 seed frames which are 12 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 1 foot high. They are enclosed in wire to keep out birds and mice, with a lath cover which may be entirely or partly removed to regulate light. These trees will cost the state of Virginia from \$2 to \$4 a thousand to raise. They may be planted 1,200 to the acre.

### Will Send 162 Men to Fort Myer.

Charlottesville, Va., May 11.—The University of Virginia will send 162 men to the training camp at Fort Myer, Va., which opens May 14. Examinations lasted up to May 4, and 61 men failed to pass the rigid physical test. As the youngest men that could apply had to be twenty-one years and nine months old, practically every eligible man in the University took the examination.

Deviled Crabs, little neck clams and clam chowder at Rammel's Cafe.

## COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Governor Stuart Calls on Citizens to Rally to Nation's Call in Every Line of Effort.

Richmond, Va., May 11.—Gen. E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, who was recently appointed by Governor Stuart chairman of the Virginia Council of Defense, has called a meeting of that body for next Monday. The other members of the council are L. E. Johnson, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company; Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company; James O. Winston, of Louisa; Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winchester; D. Lawrence Groner, of Norfolk; R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax; Col. E. B. White, of Leesburg; Dr. Ennon G. Williams, State Health Commissioner, of Richmond; Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond; George B. Kezell, of Kezzeltown, and John H. Crockett, of Wytheville.

The purpose of this council, as stated by Governor Stuart is to coordinate the work of the Virginia Agricultural Council of Safety, and all other patriotic organizations of the State, and to provide means of direct communications and cooperation with the Council of National Defense in Washington.

Speaking of the need of united effort so that Virginia may play her proper part in the national defense work, Governor Stuart said:

"The seriousness of the situation is not fully recognized by the masses of the people. They must be aroused to a realization of our dangers and responsibilities. A supreme effort must be made by each State in the use of its governmental machinery and in the dedication of the individual and collective influence and energy of its citizens to the common purpose of strengthening the arm of the nation upon which we must rely for victory and permanent peace."

"Virginia today calls upon every citizen, every man and woman, young and old, to come to the colors, either as a soldier in military ranks or as a soldier in the field of production and conservation of the resources which we are to contribute to the sum total of America's fighting strength."

The council has opened offices in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol, and is now being organized as a comprehensive plan. Mr. Groner represented the council at a meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association at Old Point. Dr. Williams will speak for the council at Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg today. General Nichols will speak in Alexandria next Wednesday evening in the Opera House at 8 o'clock.

### ALEXANDRIA HOME GUARDS.

Major Albert Bryan Wants to See Every Member of Companies A and B at the Armory Tonight.

Companies A and B of the Alexandria Home Guards will meet tonight in the armory. Major Albert Bryan desires that every man be present. The permanent organization of both companies will be completed and arrangements made for drilling. If you are a member Mr. Reader, be sure to attend. If you are not a member go and join this evening and "do your bit."

Joseph McGuinness, a Sinn Feiner, was elected to the British House of Commons at the special election held to fill the vacancy for the southern division of Longford county, Ireland. His majority was 337 over Patrick McKenna, nationalist.

### "In Again—Out Again."

The first of the new series of Douglas Fairbanks' photoplays, will be shown Monday at the Richmond. Fairbanks is pictured as "Teddy," a strenuous advocate of preparedness, whose ideas on the war theme cause him to lose his slight hold on the affections of his pacifist fiancée. Teddy endeavors to keep his spirits up by pouring spirits down. The result is that he lands in jail. His 30 days' sentence passes swiftly, however, because he promptly falls in love with Janie, the jailor's pretty daughter. When his time is up he makes desperate attempts to land himself back in jail. But, like O. Henry's "Soapy," he has a run of hard luck in his fight for a cell. Happy ending? Certainly!